CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015 LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 380 N. WILMOR ROAD - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Manier called the regular meeting of Monday, November 16, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington.

Call to Order

Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, J. Gee, and Maxwell.

Roll Call

Also present was Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, City Clerk Pat Brown, and members of the press.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Agenda was reviewed and stood as presented.

Agenda Review

Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Items included on the Consent Agenda were minutes of the November 2, 2015 regular Council meeting; bills & payroll; accept & place on file: Police Pension Municipal Compliance Report FY ending April 30, 2015; accept & place on file: Monthly Report for periods ended August 31 & September 30, 2015; approve & authorize TIF2 subsidy payment #2: Phillips, Salmi, & Assoc., LLC, 112 N. Main St.; and snow removal contract renewal: Scott Weaver & Sons Excavating. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

Approve Consent Agenda

Ayes: 8 Maxwell, Dingledine, Moss, J. Gee, Brucks, Butler, Brownfield, T. Gee Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Manier read a proclamation proclaiming November 28, 2015 as Small Business Saturday. Alderman J. Gee moved and Alderman Moss seconded to accept the proclamation as read. On roll call on the motion to approve the vote was:

Proclamation: Small **Business Saturday**

Aves: 8 Dingledine, Brucks, Maxwell, T. Gee, Butler, Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Mr. Paul Molloy asked that once a year the City's burning ordinance be published in the newspapers and asked if the City has looked into the machines that pick leaves up at the curb for residents. He shared that he lost his storage shed and wheel barrow this past weekend due to his neighbor not following a couple of the rules when open burning. Mayor Manier shared that the ordinance would run in both the spring and fall and that they have taken a look at the machines that do this sort of leaf pickup. He thanked Mr. Molloy for his comments.

Audience Comments

Alderman Brucks, Finance & Personnel Committee reported nothing on the agenda. Alderman T. Gee, Public Safety Committee Chairman reported one item on the agenda (Ordinance B). Alderman Brownfield, Public Works Committee Chairman reported nothing on the agenda.

Standing Committees

Mayor Manier shared that a walk and ceremony are planned tomorrow in remembrance of the 2013 tornado. He shared that due to the weather forecast a decision on whether the walk will take place or not will happen by 3:00 p.m. and the 7:00 p.m. ceremony may be moved inside at Five Points as well. He shared the ceremony will be about one half hour and will be led by the Washington Ministerial Association.

Mayor's Comments

City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of a Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information between the City of Washington and the Illinois Department of Revenue. Adoption of this resolution would allow the IL Department of Revenue to share tax information with the City of Washington. All information exchanged under the agreement is to be used only for the official purposes of the State and of the Municipality and shall be kept confidential in accordance with the Tax Acts. Alderman Brucks moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote

Adopt resl, Reciprocal Agreement, IL Dept of Revenue

Ayes: 8 Moss, Dingledine, Maxwell, T. Gee, Butler, J. Gee, Brownfield, Brucks Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, making the determination pursuant to the Truth-In-Taxation Act for the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois for the 2015 Property Tax Levy. Adoption of this resolution will establish the City of Washington's Tentative 2015 Property Tax Levy at \$1,410,250. Since the tentative 2015 levy is greater than 105% of the prior year property tax extension, a truth in taxation hearing will be required. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Butler seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:

Adopt resl, tentative 2015 property tax levy

Ayes: 8 Brownfield, T. Gee, Maxwell, Moss, Brucks, J. Gee, Butler, Dingledine Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

City Clerk Brown read a resolution, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the execution of a Cash Rent Farm Lease with Bell Bros Farming c/o Doug and Mark Bell. Adoption of this resolution approves and authorizes the execution of a Cash Rent Farm Lease with Bell Bros Farming for the 2016 growing season. Among other things, the agreement provides for a lease payment to the City in the amount of \$59,744.64 for the W223 Property.

Adopt resl, authrz Cash Rent Farm Lease, W223 property

Adopt resl, authrz Cash Rent Farm Lease, W223 property, Cont.) Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Maxwell seconded to adopt the resolution as read. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 7 J. Gee, Butler, Moss, T. Gee, Brownfield, Maxwell, Dingledine

Nays: 1 Brucks
Motion declared carried.

Adopt ord, authrz intergovernmental agreement w/Tazewell County for animal control services City Clerk Brown read an ordinance, by title only and brief synopsis, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Washington and County of Tazewell for animal and rabies controls services. Adoption of this ordinance would authorize the approval and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tazewell County, Illinois pertaining to animal and rabies control services. Among other things, the Agreement will authorize the annual payment of \$13,360 to Tazewell County for animal and rabies control services. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adopt the ordinance as read. Alderman J. Gee asked how often we use the services and Police Chief Volk replied that they are in town at least once a week unless we call for a service. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 T. Gee, Maxwell, Butler, Brownfield, Moss, J. Gee, Brucks, Dingledine

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

1st read ords, amending Chapter 97 entitled "Parks & Recreation" open air meetings in Washington Square Park; & providing for borrowing \$2.3M from MCB to finance remote read water meter system City Clerk Brown provided first reading of the following ordinances, by title and brief synopsis: an ordinance amending Chapter 97 "Parks and Recreation" of the City of Washington Code of Ordinances regarding the hours permitted for open air meetings in Washington Square Park. Adoption of this ordinance would extend the hour that open air meetings can be conducted in Washington Square Park to 10:00 p.m. and allows for special exceptions to be considered for charitable organizations; and an ordinance of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, providing for borrowing of not more than \$2,300,000 from Morton Community Bank for the purpose of financing the purchase and installation of a system of remote read water meters. Adoption of this ordinance provides for the tax-exempt financing of the purchase and installation of an automated meter reading system through Morton Community Bank. Ordinance B will be listed on the December 7th meeting agenda for action and Ordinance C will be listed on the November 30th Special City Council meeting agenda for action.

Roadway Restoration progress payment #9

Public Works Director Andrews requested Council authorization to make payment to RA Cullinan & Son, a division of United Contractors Midwest, for progress payment request #9 of the Roadway Restoration Project in the amount of \$382,602.82 for work completed from October 26, 2015 through November 8, 2015. He shared that the contractor has completed work this year and will be back in the spring to complete the project. Alderman T. Gee moved and Alderman Brownfield seconded to authorize the progress payment request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

 $\underline{Ayes:\ 8}\ Butler, J.\ Gee,\ Butler,\ Brucks,\ Dingledine,\ Maxwell,\ Brownfield,\ T.\ Gee$

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Workers Compensation Renewal Controller Baxter requested authorization to accept a preliminary premium renewal proposal from Winter Insurance for the 2016 Bituminous Insurance Workers Compensation policy in the amount of \$136,718 which represents a cost savings of \$28,828 or 17.4% over the previous year. She shared that it is worthy to note that this premium is \$100,000 less than the 2011 initial premium which speaks highly of the renewed effort management has taken to make workplace safety and training a top priority. Alderman Dingledine moved and Alderman Moss seconded to authorize the request as presented. On roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 8 Brucks, J. Gee, Butler, T. Gee, Maxwell, Brownfield, Moss, Dingledine

Nays: 0

Motion declared carried.

Aldermen's Comments

Mayor Manier reminded everyone of the movie screening "November 17th, Finding Strength After The Storm" at Carmike Sunnyland Cinema this evening at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

At 6:20 p.m. Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. <u>Motion carried unanimously by voice vote</u>.

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk